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Mother nature sends winter in full force



Justin Camejo

Drewids make a trek back from Brother's College on a snowy Tuesday afternoon. The temperature dropped to a low of 21°F.

Professor Rosales pioneers DIS trip

Lina Estrada
News Editor

Raul Rosales isn't your average college professor. Besides teaching Spanish, he is a pioneer of the Barcelona summer program, an advocate for international study abroad programs and a researcher who has recently had a book published. A dedicated professor and faculty member, it's no surprise he is appreciated among his students.

Rosales first became interested in studying abroad when he was a student at Drew. He travelled to various countries, enhancing his view of the world. Travel gave him more appreciation for others. "I am a Drew alum. When I was a Drew student, I participated in two short term programs. One was to

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Neftali Rodriguez researches Santeria

Nina Godlewski
Staff Writer

Neftali Rodriguez ('15) is double majoring in religion and sociology, but he is far from the average double major student. Rodriguez is studying the religion of Santeria as a research assistant under Chair and Professor of Religious Studies Karen Pechilis. Since Santeria is not well known, Rodriguez is working on research and writings to help "make the religion known." He said, "It's kind of hidden now, I'd like to give it some clarity."

According to Rodriguez, originally Santeria "started off as a religion for the poor, but that's changing now." It's a religion that is "focused on the believer, because in this religion there is no sacred text. The individual is the sacred text," he said. It



Rebecca Bickley

Neftali Rodriguez ('15)

is very much focused on "folk tales, stories, sharing your own experience, and adding and subtracting to the text that is passed down." Rodriguez's interest in Santeria came from his family, the most influence coming from his aunt.

When he became a research assistant for Professor Pechilis last spring the two originally focused on Pechilis' interest in Sacred Space. The discussion of Sacred Space is very important to the introduction to world religion course Pechilis and Associate Professor of Religious Studies Louis Hamilton teach.

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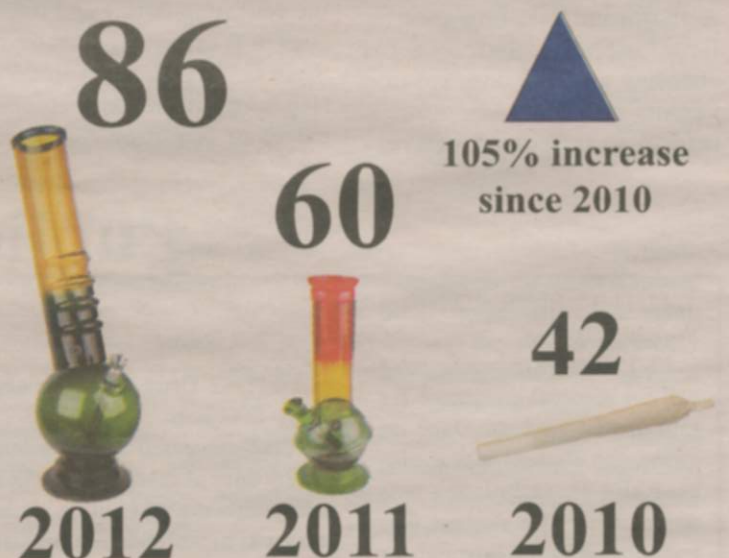
Marijuana busts grow, campus deemed 'safe'

Portia Dezen
Contributing writer

Every year, Public Safety documents crime offenses that take place on campus. At Drew, there the crimes that merit the most attention are drug busts and larceny. However, the increase of both of these two combined, is enough to raise some eyebrows.

Director of Public Safety Robert Lucid explained that crime is documented at colleges and universities nationwide through an online system called "Clery Reporting."

"The bottom line of the Clery Reports is to make the public aware of the likelihood that something bad could happen on a given college campus," he said. "This federal legislation requires all colleges and universities to disclose reports on 'index crimes.' Index crimes is a term that is used to describe all major



Graphic by Justin Camejo

Figures found at <http://www.drew.edu/Safety/>

crimes such as assault, burglary, arson, murder, vandalism, liquor and drug law violations, sex offenses and the like."

As a whole, crime on Drew's campus had mostly trended down or stayed about the same. In

2010, there were three cases of assault, and in 2011 there were nine. This year, that number has decreased to five. In 2010, there were two cases of burglary, an astounding 39 in 2011 and only

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Professor McGuinn writes to attain education reform

Kimberly Ammiano
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When not busy teaching Political Science courses, Professor Patrick McGuinn spends his time researching, writing, and speaking about educational policy reform.

"Parent Power: Grass Roots Activism and K-12 Education Reform," published in July 2012 served as the required reading for a conference in D.C. with policymakers this past Thursday.

His latest article, "Parent Power: Grass Roots Activism and K-12 Education Reform," urges parents to become a part of education reform outside of funding school parties, being a class parent, or attending their local PTA meeting.

Within his piece, McGuinn urges parents to work in unison with education reform advocacy organizations (ERAOs) and to fight for their interests and "crucial reforms."

"Parent power is the apple pie of schooling: everyone likes it and says pleasant things about it," reads the Foreword.

As stated in the Foreword, McGuinn's piece examines questions such as "What are we learning from [new parental reform groups?] Where are they succeeding, and where are they struggling? Are certain types of parents more likely to become advocates? If so, who are they, and what distinguishes them?"

Parallel to these questions, McGuinn comments on three major points throughout his paper: those being, "choice does not equal activism, exit versus voice, and building capacity."

In elaborating on these points, "Parent Power: Grass Roots Activism and K-12 Education Reform," explains, "the mere act of choosing a school does not turn parents into activists. Rather, reform groups must actively

cultivate parents, building the civic skills and engagement that are necessary for participation," as elaborated by Hess's piece.

Additionally, the piece argues that, "parents who send their children to schools of choice have exited the traditional school system and thereby have less incentive to use their future reform discussions."

In terms of 'building capacity,' McGuinn speaks of the urgency for these parent education reform groups to become larger and more powerful as soon as possible.

In addition to his piece on Parent Power, McGuinn additionally co-edited a book volume with Paul Manna from William and Mary College, entitled "Education Governance for the Twenty-First Century: Overcoming the Structural Barriers to School Reform" (December 2012).

"The book volume features insights from scholars around the globe on how to improve the current education policy," McGuinn explained.

His most recent piece, an article posted to the website for the Center for American Progress, entitled "The State of Teacher Evaluation Reform: State Education Agency Capacity and the Implementation of New-Teacher Evaluation Systems."

The article takes a closer look at how state departments of education have begun to make room for new evaluation systems.

While also "[identifying] challenges and lessons that can be used to guide future reform efforts in this area," the piece says.

"The overarching theme throughout all of my work is the education policy and reform stuff in Washington. I am urging these D.C. think tanks to take a step away from the theoretical pieces of education reform and



Justin Camejo

Political Science Professor Patrick McGuinn discusses the role of parents in education

begin to consider new policies," McGuinn explained. "It is all based on the equity piece for me."

According to McGuinn, his passion for education reform stems from his early roots in education.

After graduating with a B.A. from Franklin and Marshall College in 1993, he became a teacher before pursuing a M. Ed. and a Ph.D. in Political Science and teaching from the University of Virginia.

"My dissertation was on the No Child Left Behind Act and I have been pursuing those issues ever since," McGuinn stated. "I'm just overall really interested in what's going on in education," he continued.

Parental power is "geared towards reaching the policymakers." And after presenting it at a conference two weeks ago, one D.C. commentator stated

that "Parent Power: Grass Roots Activism and K-12 Education Reform" should have a place on every policymaker's desk."

"I took that as a pretty big compliment, so I guess it's being pretty well received," McGuinn said.

"These conferences and conversations bring a lot of people together for conversations around these issues. To have my paper be the assigned reading must mean that my colleagues are finding it useful," he elaborated.

"These are very controversial issues and the object of my papers and my research is to figure out the best mechanisms to update the policies that are already in place.

And to create new ones on the ground. My goal is to figure out the best way to facilitate these plans," McGuinn explained.

As a speaker on one of the

many panels at the conference in D.C. this weekend, he defined the conference as an "Off the record conversation among progressive policy makers."

While eager to delve more deeply into his own research and the work of others as a part of this conversation, he semi-seriously said, "What goes on in D.C. must stay in D.C., it's kind of like Vegas."

Public Safety Blotter

11/11/12 Medical/Alcohol
Welch 1:10 a.m.

Lt. Lamanna responded to a call for medical assistance for intoxicated student. Once on scene, the student was evaluated and an ambulance was dispatched. The student was transported to the hospital for care. A report was sent to the dean.

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11/11/12 Drug Law Violation
Holloway 2:32 a.m.

Officers responded to a report of an odor of marijuana in Holloway. Once on scene, the source of the odor was determined and a student was cited. A report was forwarded to the dean.

11/11/12 Drug Law Violation
Hoyt 2:41 a.m.

A call came into HQ regarding a strong odor of marijuana. Once on scene, officers met with a student who was in violation of university drug and alcohol laws.

11/11/12 Medical/Alcohol
Tolley 3:19 a.m.

A call was received regarding a student who was highly intoxicated and causing a disturbance. Once on scene, the student was evaluated, an ambulance was dispatched for transport to the hospital.

11/11/12 Disorderly Person
Hurst 5:49 a.m.

Officers responded to a Res Life call for assistance with a student who was non-compliant. The student was identified and cited for his violations.

11/16/12 Drug/Liquor Law

Violation Haselton 10:27 p.m.
A report of a strong odor of marijuana was called in by Res Life and officers responded to the scene. Several individuals were questioned and a report was written for the dean.

11/17/12 Liquor Law Violation
Brown 1:32 a.m.

While conducting walk-throughs, officers questioned a group of students who were in possession of alcohol. The students were underage and were cited for

the violation.

11/17/12 Liquor Law Violation
Hurst 11:45 p.m.

A report of underage drinking was investigated. A number of students were questioned and one student was cited violation of the university liquor laws.

11/18/12 Liquor Law Violation

McLendon 2:39 a.m.

Officers responded to a noise complaint and found a number of underage students in violation of university liquor laws. The individuals were cited for their actions and a report was sent to the dean.

11/18/12 Medical/Alcohol
Tolley 2:48 a.m.

Officers responded to a call for medical assistance and found an intoxicated student in need of care. The student was evaluated and an ambulance was dispatched for transport to the hospital. The report was forwarded to the dean.

11/18/12 Drug Law Violation

Raul Rosales diversifies the DIS program

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Greece in January of 1998. The other was to Spain in 1999, before I graduated."

"Those experiences changed my life. For the first time, I was able to see the world. And I saw that I lived in a bubble," he said. "It's important to see how others think, how others perceive the world. Even in a short term program, you're able to do that. And this was what changed the way I thought," he said.

"I became an advocate for international programs. As an associate professor, I wanted to participate in the program and make sure students were getting the same experience as I did," Rosales said. He went on to co-lead a trip to Argentina in 2009, direct the Barcelona Program in 2010 and in 2011 he led the Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands program.

This upcoming year, Rosales is going to be the director of the Barcelona Program again. "Every year, 13 students go on the trip for three to four weeks of learning and fun."

The Academic Programs department chooses the students who get into the program. Students have to be in good academic and disciplinary standing. And this is all part of the standard application process for all language programs," Rosales



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said.

"This past Wednesday was our first meeting for the trip. We like to begin orientations [and] meetings early in the year to get a gist of which students can make them and which can't," he said. Once the students are accepted, they attend meetings that will prepare them for the trip. The Barcelona Program gives spanish majors and minors eight credits toward their general education requirements.

"I think that both students and professors really feel like they are learning while traveling. Students have told me that they feel that their language improves," he said.

Besides being a dedicated leader of the study abroad programs, Rosales is also a pro-

fessor who, like other faculty members, conducts research in his spare time. "A book of mine was recently published."

The research is in the book and will also be taught in one of seminars I will be teaching next semester," he said.

Rosales' book talks about Cuban writers who came to America on the boat The Mariel. "Writers in Cuba suffered exclusion and were marginalized."

They came to America and were marginalized here too. They were basically on no man's land. The book explores how cultural production results from this type of displacement, from this exile," he said.

Rosales doesn't just work hard outside of class. His students believe him to be one of

the best professors in the Spanish department because of his dedication to his profession.

Nicholas Russo ('13) appreciates all the experiences he has shared with Rosales. "I went on a DIS with Rosales. We went to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. We toured the entire island of Puerto Rico for a week. There was a rainforest excursion and Raul was invited to dine with the governor. It was really cool," Russo said. "We went to different universities like the University of the Virgin Islands, the University of Puerto Rico and St. Thomas to take classes there," he added.

Reflecting on the experience, Russo said, "I chose the program because he was doing it. It's different seeing professors outside of the classroom. And Raul is very fun to be around." But this isn't the only experience Russo has had with Rosales.

"My first spanish semester of spanish was with him. And so was the pre-departure course that I took to travel. There were two parts of the course: the literature of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Raul taught the Puerto Rico section and I really enjoyed it," Russo said. "I made up my own minor, Caribbean studies, and I've been able to take a bunch of courses in different disciplines. Anthropology,

spanish, history and caribbean studies to name a few. Without Raul, I wouldn't have made this possible," he said.

Rosales also influenced Runi Patel ('14) to major in spanish. "I'm a spanish and a biology double major. One of the two people who convinced me to become a major was Raul. He kept telling me that if anyone could do it, it was me," Patel said.

"My first class with Raul was Spanish conversation. I took that spring of 2012."

The writing in the class was easy but the speaking is hard," she said. "I've taken many other courses with him and I hope to take the gateway course next semester—the spanish course that links the intermediate with the upper levels," she said.

"The best thing about Raul is he doesn't play favorites like some of the professors in the science department. He will mark up your paper and tell you you're wrong or say that you're right," Patel said. "But he always takes the time to go through the assignments carefully."

That's something any spanish major who has taken classes with him can tell you," Patel said. "He is very organized and in this I see that he cares about his classes," she said. "If you're taking a spanish course, take it with him."

Over all crime rate remains constant for the past three years

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two in 2012. Disorderly conduct has continued to decrease from 55 cases in 2010 to 33 in 2011. Most recently, there have been 30 cases of this kind of offense.

Likewise, vandalism has had ups and downs, from 38 cases in 2010 to 42 in 2011. There are currently 24 that have been documented for 2012. Larceny theft cases are decreasing with 88 in 2010, 18 in 2011 and up to 46 in 2012.

The only index crime which has seen a dramatic increase is drug law violations—42 cases in 2010, 60 in 2011 and 86 in 2012. The statistic of crimes which have roughly stayed the same are arson, domestic disputes, DWI, missing persons, sex offenses, threats, trespassing and weapons offenses, which all remain relatively low. Liquor law violations have also remained fairly stable, even decreasing from last year—33 cases in 2010, 51 cases in 2011 and 43 cases in 2012.

There have been no murders, robberies or hate crimes in the past three years. Addressing the increase in drug law violations, Lucid said, "Generally speaking, these involve persons in posses-

sion of very small amounts of marijuana."

To help continually reduce crime, the Public Safety has installed more cameras around campus. "This way," Lucid explained, "when we question individuals, we have video evidence that they violated a law." The department has also revised its methods of securing the campus during vacations or evacuations.

Lucid said, "All residence halls are locked, and a student can only enter their dorm building if they call Public Safety in advance to appeal why they need to access their room. If it is for a legitimate reason, such as forgetting a medication or laptop required for schoolwork, an officer will escort the student in and out of their room."

Neither we nor the students want anyone left unattended within empty residence halls." Lucid finished by saying, "As a whole, Drew University is a very safe campus. However, we want people to be aware that crimes do occur. We urge students to accept a certain amount of personal responsibility for their actions. Just remember to use your head, and ask yourself what you can do as an individual

Santeria proves great example of the movement of religion

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Pechilis said, with the help of Theological Librarian Dr. Ernest Rubinstein who found a number of sources, "Neftali then went on and found more research. He then brought the books here [to her office] and we read through and had a discussion on how they were presenting Sacred Space." Pechilis emphasized how she was "really glad to have Neftali's help as a research assistant" in this project. The next step was to begin research on Santeria.

Pechilis recalled, "First we found some articles through the Drew database, then we decided to move on to some books. And then Neftali knew of one of the scholars, [Migene] González-Wippler, so he got a book [by that author] out of the library on the experience of Santeria." The book by González-Wippler is very experience-based, so it gave a much different perspective compared to the systematic approach of author De Le Torre, according to Pechilis.

She said about the book by González-Wippler, "You're there with her and its two very different perspectives." Through his research, Rodriguez has found that the religion is "being mixed in with different cultures which is changing the dynamics."

Santeria's has Orshas, which are similar to Saints in Catholicism.

This goes all the way back to Santeria's origins. It is "originally understood to be an African religion but there are a lot of influences," Pechilis said. "These people were enslaved and could not talk openly about their religion. This is where you start to get Santeria and Catholicism together, on some

of these Orshas. There is also "the top level person who has to be male, and that person is called the Babalawo. That's the real official, many of the high level rituals really have to be supervised by the Babalawo. That's the person who knows every single myth, every single story," Pechilis said.

Santeria is very popular in the Caribbean, places like Cuba and Puerto Rico, where Rodri-

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—Karen Pechilis
Chair and Professor of Religious Studies

level it acted as a cover. Orshas and Saints are related, but not the same. Why that difference is preserved is [due to the fact that] Santeria is its own thing, but it [originally] had to masquerade as Catholicism." Rodriguez said, "Fire, water, air, iron and earth (the elements) are so important. Each Orsha represents an element." The people who interpret what these Orshas are communicating, are called Santeros or Santeras, they know the stories and the nature

guez hopes to travel in order to develop his research even more in the coming years. However, there are certain areas in the U.S. where this religion is practiced more widely.

Pechilis said she wants to "emphasize that the study of religion in our department is very cultural. So we talk about what people are doing, what's important to them and we have a global reach. Santeria is a great example of that—the movement of religions and people."

Guest speaker discusses political issues in Middle East

Addison del Mastro
Assistant Opinions Editor

In a manner both informative and humorous, Wallerstein Visiting Professor Reza Aslan commented on the political future of the Middle East in a lecture hosted by the Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict.

The lecture, given last Tuesday, was entitled "Whither the Arab Spring?" He explained that the current media narrative on the Arab Spring has turned negative and hopeless. He poked fun at the coverage, asking "Why hasn't the Middle East turned into a liberal, secular, Jeffersonian democracy?"

Aslan was born in Iran and lived through the 1979 Islamic revolution at the age of seven. He came to the United States when he was eight years old.

His specialty is religious studies and the Middle East, an interest fostered by his personal experience with the power of religion in the Iranian revolution. Aslan holds a Ph.D. in the sociology of religion from the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Aslan sees the media narrative as consisting of three claims: Arab Spring was bad for American security, bad for Israel and destabilizing for the region as a whole.

There is a fear that democracies will be hostile to U.S. interests. The Israel/Gaza war already seems to show worsted relations between the Middle East and Israel.

Mohamed Morsi, the new Egyptian president, recently consolidated power, suggesting the region could be destabilized by a new wave of Islamic dictators.

The narrative, Aslan said, is made up of simple plot points which ignore the complexity of the situation. "Arab Spring turned bad: the sequel to the Arab Spring," he joked.

He reminded the audience the media is a commercial enterprise. "The purpose of the commercial media in this country is not to dispense information. The

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- Wallerstein Visiting Professor Reza Aslan

purpose of the media is to sell you Viagra. The purpose of the media is to sell you Coke. It's the sole reason CNN exists, it's the sole reason Fox exists."

When you look past the simplified commercial-media narrative, there is a convincing counter narrative, he said.

For example, the protests over the offensive "Innocence of Muslims" YouTube video were cast as proving the hostility of the Middle East to democratic values.

But before the Arab Spring in 2006, when a Danish newspaper ran intentionally offensive cartoons mocking Mohamed, the reaction was far worse.

Aslan explained that in 2006, the dictatorial governments of the Middle East helped manufacture the protests, partly to put the West in a bad light and partly to let out the peoples' excess energy that might otherwise be directed against the dictators themselves.

But when the YouTube video came out, governments did not promote mass protests. The protests that did take place were grassroots and relatively small. New Egyptian president Morsi first ordered protests against the video, but then President Obama referred to Egypt as neither an

ally nor an enemy in a press conference.

Almost "within 15 minutes," Aslan said, Morsi reversed his call for protests. As democracies, the nations of the Arab Spring no longer have an interest in exploiting incidents like the YouTube video.

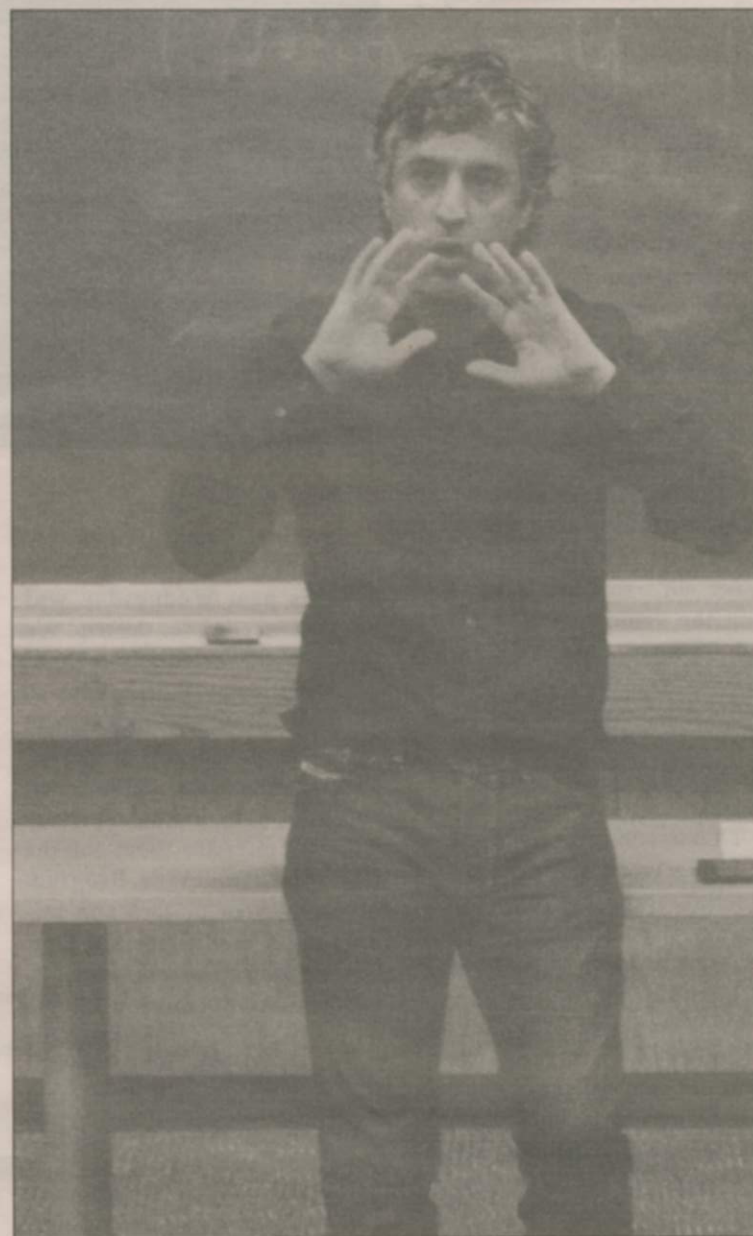
Instead, they have an interest in making themselves friendly to the West and becoming integrated with the world.

Aslan noted that with several nations now enjoying freedom of the press, many op-eds appeared wrestling with what it meant to live in a democracy with free speech.

"In Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, even Yemen, moderate voices were allowed to take the lead. This is good for America," he said.

The Arab Spring was also for Israel, said Aslan. The recent Gaza conflict was less severe than previous conflicts, and Egypt's Morsi helped to broker a cease fire, despite fears that an Islamic Egypt would be hostile to Israel.

But the real change is Israel now has incentives to scale back their aggressiveness, since they have to deal with democracies not with dictatorships that were previously bribed by the United



Justin Camejo

Guest Speaker Reza Aslan gets passionate about media and politics

States to tolerate Israel.

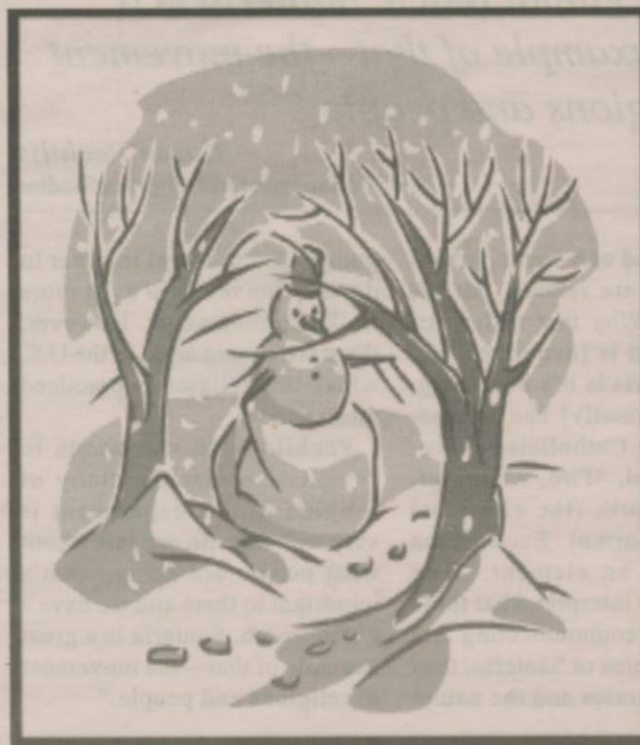
Aslan explained the real threat to Israel is its demographics. Soon non-Jews will exceed Jews. If Israel is to survive, he said, Israel will have to be less aggressive, and the Arab Spring actually incentivizes this. Despite Morsi's power grab in Egypt,

Aslan believes neither Egypt nor the region will be worse off. What actually happened, he explained, is that Mubarak-era judges on Egypt's Supreme Court dissolved the democratically elected parliament. To counter the power of the court, Morsi grabbed power for himself.

Aslan believes the very fact that a public discussion is taking place in Egypt over Morsi's power grab is an indication that the Arab Spring has made real progress.

Never before have such discussions been allowed. Such political conflict, he said, is expected in the wake of a revolution, and is itself the promise of the Arab Spring.

All things considered, Aslan believes the Arab Spring has already created progress in the region and that, far from being dead, is more alive and more successful than we could have originally predicted.



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STUDENT LIFE

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Events this week

Friday

4 p.m.
Cancer in College
Crawford Hall

7 p.m.
Drew Quidditch
Simon Forum

8 p.m.
Madrigal Singers Concert
Concert Hall

Saturday

8 p.m.
Drew Chorus, Chorale & Orchestra
Concert Hall

10 p.m.
Holiday Ball: Once Upon a Time
Baldwin Gym

Sunday

8 p.m.
Ubuntu's Fall Celebration
Concert Hall

Monday

4 p.m.
Fall 2013 Drew London Semester
Information Session
BC 101

7:30 p.m.
D.A.S.A.'s Fashion Show Auditions
The Space

8 p.m.
Polish Culture Club: Christmas Party
Crawford Hall

Thursday

7 p.m.
Fair Fest
Crawford Hall

8 p.m.
Fall Dance Show
Kean Theater

Drew UPB's Holiday Space Night



Photo by Justin Camejo

Drew students were in the holiday spirit as they decorated cookies at Space Night on Nov. 29 in the Space. This Space Night marked the last of the semester.

Sudoku

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Answers

DUFU tackles sexual assault

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WEEK

Mon 11/26 Consent Workshop @ 8pm
Crawford Hall

Tues 11/27 Body Painting from 12-2pm
Bottom of the Commons

Wed 11/28 Bystander Friendship Bracelets @8:30
Baldwin Main Lounge

Thurs 11/29 Self Defense @ 4pm
Simon Forum Court #1

Fri 11/30 Coffeehouse @ 9pm
TOE

Sun 12/2 Take Back the Night @ 8pm
BC

Brought to you by DUFU and WOCO: A Feminist House

Amanda Tesarek
Student Life & Arts Editor

The issue of sexual assault is one that plagues college campuses nationwide. The events planned by the Drew University Feminist Union (DUFU) for Sexual Assault Awareness Week were designed to shed light on this important and detrimental issue affecting all colleges. DUFU President Megan McAleavy ('13) said the purpose of this week is to draw attention to the issue of sexual assault, especially at Drew. "Sexual assault does happen on campus," McAleavy said. "What we're trying to do is focus on what we can do to help survivors and prevent sexual assault entirely."

DUFU started the week with a body painting event on Tuesday in the Commons at lunch and at dinner where students could paint words on their bodies. Students were able to paint things such as "You're Beautiful" on their arms.

"The event was about self-empowerment," McAleavy said. "Self-empowerment is a big part of helping survivors of sexual assault."

On Wednesday, DUFU organized a bystander intervention friendship bracelet making event. McAleavy said she wanted to encourage people to think about what they would do if sexual assault happened to their friends.

Above all, she encouraged students to know the options they have for seeking help and what

the consequences are for each.

"Students should know what happens if they go to ResLife, Health Services or counseling," McAleavy said. "All those options have different outcomes and students should know them all so they can make the right choice."

A self-defense class was held on Thursday. In years past, DUFU had hired out a person to teach the self-defense class. This year, the publicist of DUFU had training in martial arts to teach the class, saving the club money.

"I think it's great that we were able to put on the event low budget," McAleavy said. "It means there's more money for other clubs to use."

Tonight, DUFU will hold an open mic night at 9 p.m. in The Other End.

Their last event for the week will be on Sunday at 8 p.m. in Brothers College called "Take back the night."

Although the club was forced to reschedule the week due to Hurricane Sandy, according to McAleavy they received surprisingly large turnouts for each of the events.

McAleavy said she hoped the week would help prevent sexual assault on campus. "Everyone can do something to prevent sexual assault by changing the campus culture," McAleavy said. "If we can change the culture on campus and the perception of race, sexual assault will occur less because people will know more."

Events planned for the spring semester include Sex Week as well as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, which will include the "clothesline project." McAleavy said the event was traditionally held during Sexual Assault Awareness Week but was moved to Sexual Assault Awareness Month due to the way the club planned it.

"Life in a Jar" plays at Drew



Photo by Rebecca Bickley

Cast member of "Life in a Jar" Jaime Walker (left) plays a Jewish mother being comforted by social worker Irena Sendler, played by Megan Stewart. Sendler managed to save the lives of 2,500 children during the Holocaust. A group of middle school students in rural Kansas, including Stewart, discovered Sendler's story and commemorated it in play form in 1999. "Life in a Jar" was brought to Drew by the Polish Club.

Up All Night: The Original Sleep Over



Photo by Eva Alvarez

UPB serves students a midnight breakfast at its event Up All Night. The night featured manicures, snow cones, popcorn, board games, coloring books, a photo booth and a tarot card reading.

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New director hits high notes



From left to right, back row Justin Rosin ('14), Chris Talbot ('13), Adam Skurat ('13), (front row) Dennis Robert ('13) and Leonardo Haynes ('16) perform in a concert as part of the Drew Chorale

Photo by Justin Camejo

Olivia Rutler
Contributing Writer

On a cold and snowy morning, Dr. Jason Bishop sat down, armed with a coffee cup and a warm smile. It was going to be a typical day for Bishop, but not typical to an average professor. Bishop is the director of choral and vocal studies, and everyday he enjoys meeting with his students to produce something beautiful—music of the voice.

Bishop has been working with choral and vocal groups for 15 years, and most recently worked as a director for Penn State Uni-

versity and founder/director of a youth choir.

Bishop feels that Drew offers an environment unlike other schools. Being a small liberal arts college, Bishop related Drew to the undergraduate experience he had himself, one that allows students to explore genres of education and perhaps happen upon an unexpected passion.

Bishop hopes to be a guide and mentor to those students who find passion in singing. As conductor of the Drew University Chorale, Bishop has a 20-year-old legacy to maintain. The Chorale has always been noted as being “an advanced chamber choir of approximately

30 singers chosen annually by audition,” as stated on the University website.

Not only does Bishop intend to uphold the established excellence of the Chorale, but he also plans to enhance that reputation. Bishop sees the Chorale as a representative group, one that can tackle any piece of music and perform with perfection and pride.

Looking forward, Bishop hopes to enlarge the Chorale to around 40 students and transform and advance the repertoire, building a more versatile group.

In the spring, Bishop hopes to have the group touring both nationally and internationally. Archi-

tect of the recent Mosaic Concert, Bishop aspires to make this “coming together” of all singing groups on campus an annual event. The concert featured groups from All of the Above to Chorale to Ubuntu and was an excellent showcase of students’ vocal abilities.

The members of the Chorale acquire a bit more than the ability to sing a range of advanced pieces. Bishop sees the takeaway for students as forms of life lessons in which they learn the significance of hard work and determination. Members attain the skill of versatility [responding to any situation], discipline, tenacity and overcoming obstacles, Bishop said.

Bishop aspires to teach his students how to work despite the possible commotions of life.

The Chorale is not merely creating music, but in the words of its conductor, the Chorale is “creating greatness.”

Sign-ups for placement appointments for both the Drew University Chorus and Chorale are currently up in the music wing of the Dorothy Young Center for the Arts.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8 p.m. the Concert Hall will be filled with music as the Chorale, Chorus and Orchestra come together for a concert which comes at no cost to students.

OADN hosts JamNATION, celebrates 20 years



A Cappella group All of the Above perform Psy’s Korean pop hit, “Gangnam Style,” on Saturday, Nov. 17 in as a part of JamNATION. On a Different Note hosted the annual event in Crawford Hall. This year marked 20 years since OADN’s formation, and the group encouraged alumni to attend the event.

Photo by Rebecca Bickley

Student Activities rendered inactive



Psy and Friends say
Be Classy not Trashy
at Ho-Ball!

Miho Watabi

This weekend is HoBall. Lots of Drewids are going to get drunk. Nothing is going to change that, so we hope that we can at least curb the craziness that will inevitably occur. Here are a few good-natured suggestions from The Acorn.

Lead Editorial

One: Please remember that despite the "HoBall" moniker, the actual name of the event is "Holiday Ball." An event called HoBall plus copious amounts of alcohol is not exactly a recipe for a quiet evening. That's fine, and that's exactly the point of a pre-finals week dance party. But please Drewids, let the

craziness occur inside the dance and inside your rooms—not on campus at 2 a.m.

Two: Please do not drive a golf cart into a glass door, double the number of transports for the semester or otherwise do anything that will raise the ire of Public Safety and disrupt the campus community.

Three: Keeping these tips in mind, have fun! It's one of the last days of freedom before the hell of finals week brings a pall over campus. But starting finals with a write-up and a hangover is not usually a good decision, so we hope you use your last weekend wisely and have an awesome time!



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Why Aslan's Middleast class is the best

Jack Duran
Opinions Editor

Of all the classes I have taken during my time here at Drew, I was surprised by how much I would love one in particular this fall semester: "Religion

Best Class Series

and Politics in the Middle East." It's a requirement for the Middle East Studies minor, and so one would think that it's just a general, boring requirement that should be gotten out of the way.

But this was different—it was taught by Reza Aslan. That name may not mean much to some, but if you watch "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" or read from *The Daily Beast* as much as I do, then you would know how it felt going into a classroom where my professor was something of a celebrity, even if it is the geekiest kind—the academic.

I didn't know what to expect from him. Whether he taught at all, whether he was overly demanding and unjust, whether he'd let the celebrity status his authored books earned him bloat his head too much. I knew nothing, just as much as the rest of the few people sitting patiently for him.

I certainly can't speak for the rest of my peers, but I found the class to be exciting and, admittedly, a bit exhilarating. I think it's certain to say that I probably have never bought so many books for just one class. I thought I would be extraordinarily overwhelmed and thought to myself what had I gotten myself into. But I can honestly say I truly have never learned so

much in class and actually enjoyed every second of it.

In "Religion and Politics," we focused primarily on Arab Islamic cultures and the origins of Islam, and how it developed and changed over centuries.

One of the books we read was Aslan's very own "No God But God." I, like any normal human being, would think he just placed his own book on the syllabus to fill his pockets with cash, but just saying it was a fascinating read doesn't do it enough justice. Just

to be clear, I'm not blowing smoke up his backside. I'm the Opinions Editor, and rarely do I spare anyone any criticism, but Aslan is the kind of person who makes you want to passionately learn. And he flutters his lessons with stories of such interesting experiences he's had.

We covered everything from the Prophet Muhammad's childhood in Mecca, to the Ummah's (Muslim community) rise as an intercontinental empire larger than the Roman Empire, to studying

Islamic philosophy from people like Sayyid Qutb, whose ideas largely gave inspiration to Osama bin Laden and jihadists alike. We've studied why Al-Qaeda and jihadist groups have come to exist and what could possibly be an "antidote" to this radical ideology.

We've covered the Islamic Reformation and the subsequent fall of the Ulama (Islamic religious authorities) in the 20th century. We studied the identity issues that have plagued the Middle East and still do, and how many have tried



Jeanne Langan

to unite this rapidly changing region of the world around a unified Pan-Arab or Pan-Islamic identity.

Of course, with so much happening in the Middle East today, as there always is, we also focused on how the Western media may tend to propagate potentially misleading information that may fuel the massive culture of fear in the West. And we've discussed and analyzed the events currently taking place, tying them to historical events of the past.

We sat around and broke down the Israeli-Gaza conflict a couple weeks ago, and how the 1967 Six Day War ties into it, to Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi's executive decree for extra judicial powers and whether this, as the region is still transitioning, is an instance of history repeating itself—installing "temporary" autocratic powers for the purpose of "transitioning" to democracy just as deposed Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak did.

All in all, it was a true honor to have been able to be one of Reza Aslan's students and learn from him this fall semester, as I'm sure the rest of my classmates would agree.

Taking "Religion and Politics" with him has surely enlightened me and strengthened my intellectual passion in this subject.

I hope that after reading this, many of you will consider taking his class next spring, "The Art of Protest." He's a remarkable teacher and you'll never regret that you did.

Jack Duran is a sophomore political science major.

This was not the senior year I had expected

Janelle Hoffman
Contributing Writer

As a freshman, I had the privilege of living in the newly-renovated Brown Hall, so I escaped the communal bathrooms and awkwardly-shaped rooms of Welch and Holloway.

I've spent the rest of my time at Drew living in Foster with my best friends in the same suite, same room and same bed every year.

It is an understatement to say we made Foster our home—that building has come to define so much of our Drew experience.

I was heartbroken when I was told I would be missing out on the remainder of this semester in the room that I love and have become attached to.

We all have a right to feel down about this situation. We lost our personal bathrooms, our common rooms and a lot of our privacy.

I'm not going to lie, I was pretty bitter about the move for the first few days.

Still, I quickly realized that bitterness and whining are not going to help the situation.

In fact, those who can actually help the situation have actually been extremely supportive

throughout this process.

Facilities worked diligently to quickly order a new transformer. Our RA is working to make the building more fun and comfortable for us.

The Director of ResLife even hosted an open hour for us this past Sunday so that we could ask any questions we wanted.

As far as I've heard, he's been more than helpful in terms of responding to students who e-mail him.

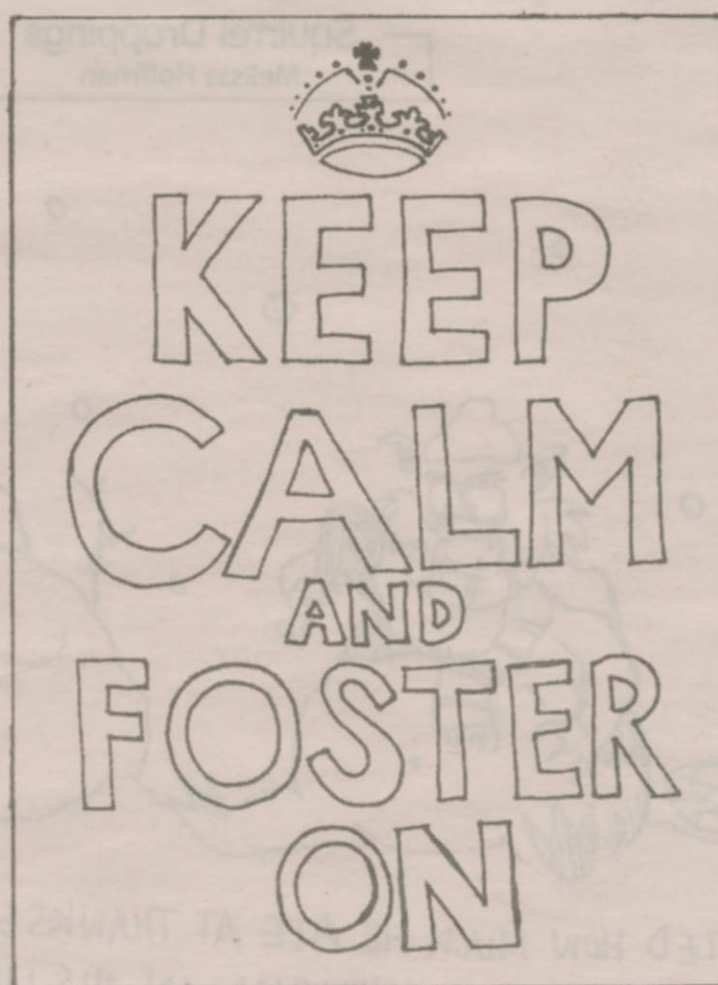
It is no one's fault that a tree fell on the transformer and destroyed it.

It is no one's fault that Hurricane Sandy devastated many areas on the East Coast, leaving thousands of people without power, causing transformers themselves to be extremely rare and precious commodities, with long waiting lists to get them.

For me, it helps to put everything in perspective. Too many people lost their homes, belongings or even their lives in Hurricane Sandy.

Here, our buildings still stand and we are alive. Our university has power and can hold the classes we paid for.

Community members are coming together to help those who are in need.



The worst thing that happened was that we, Foster residents, had to be relocated to a different

building so that we could stay on campus?

I feel lucky. Maybe I'm way

Kim Smith

too much of an optimist, but I think it is a beautiful coincidence that Welch happened to be vacant the year when it would be needed the most. The world always works in funny ways like that.

Now, we're faced with some choices. We can be miserable and whine about this for the rest of our time here, or we can make the best of it.

We can blame the people who have only tried to help us, or we can give them the suggestions and constructive feedback they've been asking for.

We can become angry at a situation no one can do anything about, or we can choose to appreciate what we do have.

These are the same choices that everyone has when faced with any kind of adversity.

We are going to make the most of this year regardless of where we live because we will get through this together.

We are a community, and communities need physical buildings to prosper.

Janelle Hoffman is a senior political science major.

The dos and don'ts of holiday shopping

Francesca Riegler
Contributing Writer

With holidays rapidly approaching, people are feeling the cheer everywhere. As a time of the year that several religions and cultures focus on the important things in life—friends and family, being generous and thankful, and generally happy to be alive—it's no surprise that the holidays are centered around shopping.

Materialism, what says Merry Christmas better than that? But keeping with the theme, it's important to get your holiday shopping done efficiently. So there are definitely some dos and don'ts you should know.

Dos:

Only shop on the weekends, especially the one following Thanksgiving. If you already did that, congratulations, you're on the right track. It's always best to shop when stores are overcrowded and sales associates are overwhelmed. It really makes you feel like a valued customer. And it guarantees that you will have an easy going shopping day, free of disappointment.

Do whatever you need to do to get the product you want. You want it, so therefore you probably deserve it. Besides, this philosophy always makes for the best stories. And most people will want to hear about that time you hurtled a granny to get your UGG boots. I mean, she thought they were called "HUGS." She didn't deserve them anyway.

Block aisles, and hallways. Whether it's with other people or your loads of stuff. Everybody understands. This is your shopping day, you need to enjoy yourself. Don't let anyone ruin that.



Emilia Domanowski

Don'ts:

Shop alone. It's a jungle out there, people are crazy these days. You need back-up. So bring your significant other, sibling or friend, no matter how much they protest. Just tell them you'll help them with their shopping too. Plus, they'll be an extra pair of hands to help carry all the stuff you bought and that bulky coat you wore into the mall when you started shopping, six hours ago. But if you don't have anyone to go with, you better just stick to online shopping.

Come with a list. Being prepared is never a good thing. Have you seen "The Lion King"? Knowing what you want to buy when you come to the mall just makes the whole shopping experience more challenging. Then you have to go find those items, where as, when you don't know what you need, you can just browse for as long as necessary until you find the perfect gift.

Put your bags in your car as you go. That's the easy way out. Holiday shopping is about building your strength and endurance. You need to start working out and eating healthy before you put on that holiday weight. It's a way to start your New Year's resolution early. Besides, if you don't keep all your bags with you, everyone will think you're a wimp.

So happy shopping. I know if you listen to these tips everything will go smoothly. Getting into the spirit is easy when you walk into the mall and take in the scent of the sore, hungry and tired. Oh, it's just the best place to be at this time of year. But seriously, happy holidays, stay safe and most of all, shop smart.

Francesca Riegler is a freshman.

Squirrel Droppings

Melissa Hoffman



RALPH REALIZED HOW MUCH HE ATE AT THANKSGIVING AFTER THE OTHER SQUIRRELS MADE UP A SNOWBALL IN HIS LIKENESS...

Swimming focuses on individuals

Andrew Goldberg
Sports Editor

Both the men's and women's swim teams dropped their second straight conference meet of the season to the Catholic Cardinals on Saturday, Nov. 17. The men fell 124-62 while the women dropped their meet, 125-61. With the loss, the men fell to 1-3 on the season. The women's team is still in search of its first win of the season, with the loss dropping them to 0-4.

It is hard to compete with so few swimmers as a team, which is one of the reasons for the blowout losses. However, the swimmers aren't letting it affect their seasons. Clayton Curran ('15) said, "In matches where we know we are going to get beaten badly, we try to hit our personal bests and to beat ourselves." Kristin Zeigler ('16) added, "On an individual level, I try to beat my best times or stay around them. From a team standpoint, [Head] Coach [Eric] Scheingoltz reminds that these meets are used to train so that we beat the opposing swimmers at championships."

With the win, both the Catholic Men's and Women's teams are

in fourth place in the Landmark conference.

Mariel Schwinger ('14) won the only individual race for the Lady Rangers by winning the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:05.21. She beat out Cardinal Junior Chelsea Boyle by three seconds, as well as three other Cardinals. Schwinger also came in second to Cardinal Freshman Nicole Castellano in the 200 IM, losing by two seconds.

Other highlights include Jordan Bader ('15), finishing second in the 1,000 yard freestyle with a time of 11:58.49, and Jess Harrington ('15) who finished second in the 50 yard freestyle by less than a second to Cardinal sophomore Julia Wisler.

Zeigler noted that Schwinger, Bader and Harrington all have swam well this season and have shown leadership even at the low points of meets. "All three have shown leadership by motivating teammates both in and out of the pool, and as a freshman that is very comforting to me," she said.

The men fared slightly better with two swimmers placing first. Curran finished first in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:52.93. Curran also finished in second in the 100 yard backstroke and missed

beating Cardinal Junior Justin Kenyon by .72 of a second. Curran also came in second in the 100 butterfly and missed out on beating Cardinal Junior Dominic Grillo by less than a second as well.

Thomas DiGuglielmo ('15) was the only other swimmer to finish first for the Rangers as he beat out teammate Conor Burnett ('15) and Cardinal Freshman Luke McGuire for the win in the 200 IM with a time of 2:11.72. With the Ranger Invitational coming up DuGuglielmo and Burnett are going to be relied on. Curran says, "I'm looking forward to seeing how both do in the championships."

The Rangers have been off since then and return to the pool for the annual three-day Ranger Invitational on Friday November 30th. Preliminaries will begin at 9:00 a.m. with finals starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. According to Curran the invitational is to get familiar with what championships will be like at the end of the year saying, "Championships at the end of the year have a similar format and this meet finishes out our first 'semester' of the season." Harrington added, "This is a mock championship so



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Jordan Bader ('14) finished 2nd in the 1,000 yard freestyle

our bodies can get used to racing twice a day. The preliminaries gives us motivation to qualify for

finals and potentially get close to our best time while being mentally and physically exhausted."

Defense key to women's second victory



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Jeramie Barletta ('13) sparked the Rangers with 14 points

Eric Tripp
Contributing Writer

After a shaky start to the season, the Lady Rangers have found a way to pull out two wins in their first five games. In those five games, the Lady Rangers have made defense the priority, allowing 55 ppg, ranking them fourth in the Landmark and holding their opponents to a 32 percent shooting average. They rank second in the Landmark and have collected 219 rebounds for third in conference. The team has also forced 90 turnovers, ranking fourth in the Landmark, and blocked 16 shots for third in the Landmark. "The key to our success is embedded in our defense," Senior Co-Captain Jen Mateo ('13) said. "When we play as a unit, we can be tough to score on."

The team has found a way to win, and they're finding it in many ways. Like their male counter-

parts, shooting from beyond the three-point arch seems to be a specialty for the Lady Rangers, averaging five per game. Co-captain Whitney Mackay ('13) leads the team in scoring with 10 ppg, and standout Courtney Stephens ('16) is second on the team, with nine ppg and a season high of 19 coming in a victory of Centenary College, adding 10 rpg. "Courtney has been huge for us this year. We knew she was going to be a solid player for us, but we didn't expect this impact this early," Mateo said. Another standout player for the Lady Rangers is Jeramie Barletta ('13). Barletta has stepped into her role well. Coming off the bench to start the season, and now working her way into the starting line up, she is averaging seven ppg, and shooting 40 percent from behind the three-point line. In the team's last game against Baptist Bible, Barletta was the leading scorer for the game with 14 points.

In the wins against Centenary and Baptist Bible, the Lady Rangers were able to produce big runs to break open the games. On Wednesday, against Baptist Bible, the team rallied off a 10-0 run that opened the floodgates and helped seal the victory and a 14-0 run against Centenary. 17 points and 11 assists from Mateo helped the rangers open up a big lead in that game which they would not give up. "Runs can spark any team, but for us it instills confidence and allows us to be unselfish and have fun," Mateo said.

The Lady Rangers open conference play with a home game on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Baldwin Gym. Defense will once again need to be the key, as they play Catholic University of America who is second in the conference in scoring. "Our defense will win us our games," Mateo said. "We have to keep the turnovers down and play like a team."

Athletes who impressed this week for Drew Athletics

Each week *The Acorn* acknowledges players who have displayed athletic excellence over the past week in our article called "Game Balls." We nomi-

Game Balls
Chris Sullivan

nate one male athlete and one female athlete. This week *The Acorn* chose to acknowledge the achievements of John Ford ('14) and Jen Mateo ('13).

John Ford- Against Berkeley College of New Jersey, Ford went six for 12 from the field,

and six for 10 from three-point range in the Rangers' second victory of the season. The game ended 98-85 with Ford contributing 19 points to the score line. This season, he has been averaging 12.6 points per game, and has been completing 50 percent of his field goal attempts.

Jen Mateo- In the women's basketball rout over Baptist Bible University, Mateo contributed seven points to the 63 scored, as well as providing five assists. The game ended in a walloping 63-37 rout. She has

been averaging six assists per game this season, and has been averaging 8.2 points per game.

Honorable mention Mike Klinger ('16)- The Freshman has started every game for the team and was instrumental in helping the Rangers beat the Berkeley College of NJ. Klinger had 33 points to go along with three rebounds and two assists. He also had five three pointers and make seven of the nine shots he took. Finally he made 14 of 15 free throws.



Forward John Ford ('14)



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Guard Jen Mateo ('13)

Basketball rebounds with two wins

Alex Majd
Assistant Sports Editor

The Men's Basketball team tallied its first win of the season, defeating Hunter College 70-54 at home, last Saturday. John Ford ('14) led the Ranger scoring with 15 points, and Luke Glass ('14) added 13 points along with four assists and six rebounds. Three of Glass' five baskets came from beyond the arc. Chris Capelli ('15) led the team with 10 rebounds.

Both halves were consistent in scoring, with Drew winning the first half 37-28 and the second 33-26. The first half remained close until the final six minutes, when Wally Sajimi ('13) grabbed a defensive rebound and made a jump shot. This marked the beginning of an 8-0 run by the Rangers, lasting roughly two and a half minutes. Hunter brought the game as close as five points after five and half minutes of second half play. The Rangers began to pull away from the Hawks once again after making four straight layups by Capelli, Glass and Zach Nolan ('15). Drew increased its lead by 15 after back-to-back 3-point shots by Glass and Steve Hydzyk ('15). The Rangers scored their final basket of the game with fourteen seconds remaining, after Evan Elberg ('13) stole the ball and assisted Ford who made a layup in the paint.

Drew stayed home to face

Berkeley College on Wednesday, Nov. 29. The Rangers held on to win 95-88, never losing their lead. Mike Klinger ('16) netted 33 points, a personal best after his first five games on campus. Glass scored 29 points, while Ford added 19 of his own.

Drew began the game strong, maintaining its lead for the entirety of the first half. Their lead stretched to as much as fifteen points. Klinger capitalized for Drew in the final moments of the half making consecutive 3-point shots. This gave the Rangers a comfortable lead, one that would prove less comfortable than they would have liked in the next half of play. The Knights began the half with a 3-point of their own after causing a Glass turnover. Glass made up for it, however, two minutes later hitting a 3-point shot that extended Drew's lead to 17 points. Berkeley remained at Drew's heels for the rest of the half, remaining in striking distance at all times. A Knight's tip-in with 1:53 remaining closed the Ranger lead to eight. Drew made a four-player substitution ten seconds later and successfully hit a number of free throws to finish out the game.

"We are finally beginning to click. We had a little bit of a slow start in our opening tournament chemistry wise but we are a young team," said Ford on the teams 0-3 start to the season. "We are learning how to play together and it showed in our last two games."



Eva Alvarez

John Ford ('14) drives to the basket on his way to recording two of his 19 points

The Rangers have proven to be a deep court threat, making a high percentage of their 3-point shots. "I have said that this is the best 3-point shooting team I have ever

been a part of. When we are all shooting well we can be an extremely tough team to beat, and that showed in our last two victories," Ford said. The Rangers hit a

staggering 15 3-point shots against its latest opponent Berkeley.

The Rangers next face Catholic University at home this Saturday in their first conference match-up.

Fencing victorious in MACFA tournament

Taryn Murphy
Sports Writer

The Drew Men's fencing team began its season after two previously cancelled meets at the MACFA vs. B meet, which was hosted by Lafayette College. The Rangers were successful with a record of 4-1 after defeating Army, Yeshiva, Hunter College and NJIT.

Although there was a 6-3 win in the foil, the Rangers gave their only loss to Stevens with a score of 14-13. Another close match was versus NJIT, where the Rangers proved victorious with a score of 14-13. Similarly, they achieved 20 wins against both Hunter and Yeshiva while beating out Hunter College with a score of 15-12.

One of the strongest factors for the team has been the foil, which continued its success with a 5-0 win on the match. James Weiss ('14), John Luke Bucuvalas ('15) and Mark Lessner ('15) all contributed in the successful match.

Weiss went 12-1 on the day and earned his 100th career victory. He is also the two-time team Most Valuable Player and has an impressive career record of 100-18. Bucuvalas helped the Rangers



Drew Athletics

Foilist James Weiss ('14) celebrates during his match at the MACFA A vs. B tournament

by recording 10 wins to only three losses, while Lessner assisted the sabre to a score of 4-1 by achieving a team-high 10 wins.

The Rangers will go up against NYU in their rescheduled meet on Thursday, Nov. 29.

The women's team began their season at the Lafayette College meet where they finished with a record of 3-2. The Rangers achieved wins over NJIT, Army and Yeshiva.

The only two losses of the day were given up to Lafayette and Rutgers with a score of 18-9, and 20-7. The most impressive match of the day was the victory over Yeshiva, with a score of 20-7. The Rangers also defeated Army 15-2, and NJIT 16-11.

The competitive women's sabre went 33-12 on the match. This could not have been possible without the impressive efforts of Sarah Silvestri ('16) and Emilia Domanowski ('13). Silvestri only lost one match throughout the entire meet and recorded a team high of 14 wins. Domanowski recorded an impressive record of 12-3.

The Rangers will return on Thursday, Nov. 29, to take on NYU in New York City.